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SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS ON DEALING WITH REFERENCES TO CERDS

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- 1. PURSUANT TO REFTELS WE CALLED ON PROINSIAS GALLAGHER, DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR LDC ECONOMIC AFFAIRS. WE WENT OVER POINTS IN REFTELS IN DETAIL AND LEFT AIDE-MEMOIRE BASED ON LETTERED SUB-PARAGRAPHS OF PARAGRAPH 8 REF: A.
- 2. GALLAGHER'S IMMEDIATE REACTION WAS TO WONDER WHETHER OUR PROP-OSED UNIFIED APPROACH TO THE PROBLEM OF REFERENCES TO CERDS AND NIEO MIGHT BE INTERPRETED BY LDC'S AS "CONFRONTATION" ALTHOUGH IT IS NOT INTENDED AS SUCH. HE NOTED THAT DEVELOPED COUNTRIES HAVE IN OECD AND OTHER FORA SHOWN WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER NEW APPROACHES TO DC/LDC ECONOMIC RELATIONS, AND THAT MOST RECTNT USG INITIATIVE MIGHT APPEAR TO BE RETROGRESSIVE. IF LDC'S INTER-PRETED DC COORDINATION IN THIS FASHION IT COULD HAVE ADVERSE EFFECT ON EVOLVING RESOLUTIONS. REITERATING POINTS IN REF: A, WE EMPHASIZED TO GALLAGHER THAT WE ARE NOT SEEKING CONFRONTATION AND THAT OUR OBJECTIVE IS TO PROTECT WESTERN POSITIONS ON CERDS AND NIEO RELATIONS. WE UNDERSCORED THAT WHAT CONCERNS US PARTICUL-ARLY IS LACK OF UNIFORMITY ON THESE ISSUES AMONG THOSE COUNTRIES THAT JOINED US IN OPPOSING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF CERDS. WE WENT ON TO EXPLAIN THAT WE ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED OVER TIME-CONSUMING DIGRESSIONS THAT ARE FORCED UPON US IN PROTECTING OUR POSITIONS.
- 3. GALLAGHER POINTED OUT THAT GOI AGREES WITH MANY OF OUR SUBSTANTIVE PROBLEMS WITH CERDS AND NIEO. FURTHERMORE, IRISH HAVE NO SYMPATHY WITH "INTEMPERATE AND EMOTIVE" LANGUAGE OF LDC'S IN INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC FORA. HOWEVER, HE DOUBTED THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO ENCOUNTER THE RECURRING INSERTION INTO RESOLUTIONS BY G-77 OF REFERENCES TO CERDS AND NIEO OTHER THAN BY THE ADMITTEDLY TIME-CONSUMINGMETHOD OF ELIMINATING REFERENCES ON A CASE-BYCASE BASIS. HE WAS OF THE VIEW THAT G-77 COUNTRIES WILL NOT FAIL TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ANY OPPORTUNITY TO ASSERT THEIR POSITIONS AND TRY TO PUT FORWARD LANGUAGE FAVORABLE TO THEMSELVES.
- 4. GALLAGHER SAID GOI HAS NO OBJECTION IN PRINCIPLE TO EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AMONG DC'S BUT HE WONDERED HOW SUCH INFORMAL COORDINATION MIGHT BE EFFECTED. HE ADDED THAT IF A MEETING WERE CONVENED FOR THIS POURPOSE, IRISH WOULD CERTAINLY ATTEND. HE WONDERED WHETHER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EXISTING OECD FORUM MIGHT BE BEST MEANS OF ACHIEVING OUR OBJECTIVES. GALLAGHER ADDED THAT GOI, AS IN MOST OTHER ECONOMIC MATTERS, WOULD TEND TO GO ALONG WITH EC MAJORITY IN ARRIVING AT POSITIONS ON CERDS AND NIEO.

5. COMMENT: THE IRISH GOVERNMENT SYMPATHIZED WITH AND UNDERSTANDS US CONCERNS OVER REFERENCES TO CERDS AND NIEO. IT ALSO AGREES WITH US ON A NUMBER OF SUBSTANTIVE POINTS. HOWEVER, GOI DOES NOT HAVE

PARTICULARLY STRONG FEELINGS ON THESE ISSUES AND IT WISHES VERY
MUCH TO AVOID CONFRONTATION WITH LDC'S. WE THERFORE EXPECT THAT
GOI WOULD FOLLOW EC LEAD REATHER THAN TAKING ANY STRONG INDEPEND-
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